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HEARINGS SET ON AMENDMENTS TO MIGRATORY BIRD PERMIT REGULATIONS

Three public hearings on proposed changes in migratory bird permit regulations have been scheduled by the Department of the Interior. Two proposed changes will be discussed—the establishment of user's fees or charges for the issuance of propagating and taxidermist permits, and a change in the definition of "wild migratory birds," which would make all migratory birds, whether raised in captivity or not, subject to regulation under permit.

The hearings will be held in the Auditorium of the Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., on February 28, 1962; at the Statler Hotel in St. Louis, Mo., on March 7, 1962; and at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, Calif., on March 9, 1962. In each instance, hearing time is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Notice of intent to change these and other provisions in the permit regulations was carried in the <u>Federal Register</u> of August 31, 1961. Because of the many requests for hearings on these two provisions, action on them has been delayed. Final action on the other provisions were carried in the <u>Federal Register</u> on November 29.

Notice of these three hearings is being published in the <u>Federal Register</u> in the near future.

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